

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 951

By: Kidd of the Senate

and

Humphrey and Cantrell of
the House

An Act relating to counties and county officers;
amending 19 O.S. 2021, Section 165, which relates to
travel allowances; increasing travel reimbursement
allowances; establishing increasing rate for travel
allowances after certain date; and declaring an
emergency.

SUBJECT: Counties and county officers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 165, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 165. A. In lieu of reimbursement for traveling
expenses within their county each county commissioner and sheriff
may receive a monthly travel allowance of ~~Seven Hundred Dollars~~
~~(\$700.00)~~ up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). In lieu of the
reimbursement for traveling expenses authorized by law for each
county officer, each county assessor may receive a monthly travel
allowance of ~~Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00)~~ up to Nine Hundred
Dollars (\$900.00), and each county clerk, court clerk and county
treasurer may receive a monthly travel allowance of ~~Five Hundred~~
~~Dollars (\$500.00)~~ up to Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00). Each such
county officer may be subject to the penalty provided by Section 166
of this title for failure to attend the meetings specified in that
section.

B. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2028 and every fiscal year thereafter, the monthly amount of travel reimbursement allowances for county officers shall increase annually by two percent (2%).

C. All newly elected county officials shall be reimbursed by their respective counties for any approved training provided before such official takes office. Such training expenses shall be reimbursed in January when such official takes office.

~~E.~~ D. The provisions of this section and Sections 163 and 164 of this title shall not prevent the emergency use of a county-owned vehicle or county-owned equipment by a county officer when such county officer is acting on behalf of the county or when such use is related to county business. As used in this subsection, "emergency" means an unforeseen combination of circumstances or the resulting state that calls for immediate action.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 20th day of March, 2023.

Brent Howard
Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of April, 2023.

Ryan Martin
Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 26th
day of April, 20 23, at 12:35 o'clock 12 M.

By: Summer Curry

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this _____
day of _____, 20_____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 26th
day of May, 20 23, at 10:52 o'clock A. M.

By: Brian Benjamin

MESSAGE FROM THE
OKLAHOMA STATE SENATE

5/25/2023

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

I am directed to inform you that the Senate has adopted the following and ordered same transmitted to you herewith:

Transmitting enrolled **SB 951**, and advising that under the provisions of Article V, Section 58 and Article VI, Section 11 of the Constitution of State of Oklahoma, the Senate and House of Representatives has reconsidered and passed said bill over the Governor's veto by a three-fourths vote of each House.

By order of the Senate of the State of Oklahoma, this message is sent:

Respectfully,

PAUL ZIRIAX

Secretary, Oklahoma State Senate

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15:46:00

Received by the Secretary of State

Date **RECEIVED** _____

By **MAY 25 2023** _____

**OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
OF STATE**

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**OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
OF STATE**

@ 10:52 AM



OFFICE OF

THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.,

No. SB 951

May 2, 2023

TIME SIGNED: 12:16 pm

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA SENATE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE
FIFTY-NINTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 951:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 951.

Enrolled Senate Bill 951 would increase travel allowances available to certain county officials, now and in perpetuity. Because the amendatory increases are arbitrary and would saddle taxpayers with an additional burden, I cannot justify signing Senate Bill 951 into law.

To be clear, the same travel reimbursement methods (e.g. mileage reimbursement, etc.) available to other state employees are also available to the county officials referenced in Senate Bill 951. The proposed increases to allowances in lieu of the otherwise available reimbursement methods would amount to little more than pay raises.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled Senate Bill 951.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Delivered to SENATE by: Summer Curry

Date/Time: 5/2/23; 2:13 pm

SENATE

By Debra Welch

Date/Time 5-2-23 2:20pm

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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
OF STATE